

Drug & DUI Court Team

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James Valley Drug & DUI Court MISSION

The mission of the James Valley Drug & DUI Court is to provide community based rehabilitation through the use of intensive treatment and supervision to stop the cycle of repeat offenders and addiction, thereby creating safer communities and reducing the cost of corrections.

Program Outline:

- ✓ Participation is voluntary and begins with a guilty plea
- ✓ Program is divided into 5 phases, each ranging from 2 to 4 months
- ✓ Alcohol and drug testing is a major component of the program
- ✓ Supervision will be provided pursuant to the court ordered conditions
- ✓ Incentives and sanctions will be determined on a case-by-case basis
- ✓ Participants are ordered to pay all fees as imposed by individual court orders

Program Description

The James Valley Drug & DUI Court is designed for persons whose major problems stem from substance addiction. As an individual enters this voluntary intensely supervised program, they must be motivated to work toward changing their lifestyle and becoming free of alcohol and chemical addiction.

The James Valley Drug & DUI Court is a court-managed, alcohol/drug intervention treatment program, designed to provide a cost-effective alternative to traditional criminal case processing. If individuals are eligible and have been chosen to participate in this program, they must be willing to commit to the entire program. The program can be successfully completed within 16 months to three years. At any time during participation of the program, a participant can be terminated from the program and sentenced by a Circuit Court Judge for noncompliance with rules and treatment plans.

Participant Goals:

- ✓ To learn to be drug and alcohol free
- ✓ Learn better life coping skills
- ✓ Adjust to a drug and alcohol free lifestyle
- ✓ Develop a non-criminal pattern of living
- ✓ Enhance employment skills
- ✓ Increase social skills
- ✓ Enhance self-esteem and self-motivation
- ✓ Develop a relapse prevention plan
- ✓ Accept responsibility for financial obligations and learn budgeting skills
- ✓ To become a productive member of their community